

I claim:

1. A covered apparatus comprising:
a body-supporting member defining a seating area;
a hood operably supported over the seating area for movement between a hiding
position where the hood is located over and hides the seating area and an open position where
5 the hood is moved to uncover the seating area; and

a link-and-bias mechanism operably connected to the hood to automatically move the
hood toward the open position when a hunter removes his weight from the body-supporting
member.

2. The apparatus defined in claim 1, wherein the body-supporting member comprises a
seat.

3. The apparatus defined in claim 1, wherein the hood includes a flexible covering that is
camouflaged and made of material suited for outdoor use.

4. The apparatus defined in claim 1, including a framework operably supporting the body-
supporting member and the hood.

5. The apparatus defined in claim 4, including a base supporting the framework, the base
including radially extending legs configured to stably support the body-supporting member and
hood in a freestanding manner.

6. The apparatus defined in claim 4, including a link mechanism connecting the body-
supporting member to the hood.

7. The apparatus defined in claim 6, wherein the body-supporting member comprises a
seat configured and adapted to support a person's body weight.

8. The apparatus defined in claim 6, wherein the framework includes tubular members defining an internal cavity and wherein the link mechanism includes a movable component located within the cavity of the framework.
9. The apparatus defined in claim 8, wherein the link mechanism includes a cable.
10. The apparatus defined in claim 8, including a latch on the framework that engages the link mechanism to hold the body-supporting member in a down position until a person rests his/her body on the body-supporting member, at which time the latch is released.
11. The apparatus defined in claim 8, wherein the link mechanism is connected to a rear of seat.
12. The apparatus defined in claim 1, including a spring attached to the hood and biasing the hood toward the uncovered position.
13. The apparatus defined in claim 12, including framework operably supporting the body-supporting member and the hood, and including a latch on the framework holding the hood to the body-supporting member against a force of the spring, the latch being operably connected to the body-supporting member and configured to release when weight is removed from the body-supporting member.
14. The apparatus defined in claim 13, wherein the spring comprises an elastic cord.
15. The apparatus defined in claim 13, including a second spring that can be selectively used individually or in combination with the first-mentioned spring.
16. The apparatus defined in claim 1, including a base supporting the body-supporting member and hood in a self-supporting upright manner, the base, hood, and body-supporting member being configured to fold into a compact portable package for easy carriage.

- 5 a Z-shaped frame supported on the base and having a vertical bottom post, a vertical top post, and an offset section connecting the top and bottom posts, one of the top post, the bottom post, and the offset section including a releasable latch;
- a hood operably connected to and supported for movement on the top post; and
- a seat supported in a balanced position over the vertical bottom post and including a front section supported by the struts and a rear section supported by the base and connected to the releasable latch.

23. A blind comprising:

- a base;
- a hood operably supported by the base for movement between a hiding position over the base and an uncovered position revealing the base; the base including a plurality of horizontally-oriented radially-extending tubes with square cross sections and including a plurality of elongated rods with mating cross sections shaped to telescope into the tubes, the rods having an outer end configured to stably engage a ground surface when the rods are telescoped into the tubes.

24. The blind defined in claim 23, wherein the rods include first rods having a first kind of foot useful for engaging a first type of ground surface, and a second kind of foot useful for engaging a second type of ground surface, and a third kind of foot useful for engaging a third type of ground surface.

25. The blind defined in claim 24, wherein the first kind of foot includes a spike, the second kind of foot includes a panel.

26. The blind defined in claim 23, wherein the rods include square tubes shaped to mateably non-rotatably engage the radially-extending tubes.

27. The blind defined in claim 23, wherein the tubes have an inner end with a retainer thereon shaped to retain the rods to the tubes when the rods are telescoped out of the tubes but that further permits the rods to pivot to a vertical position against the base for compact storage.